

IN SENATE  
OF  
THE UNITED STATES,

DECEMBER 9, 1817.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Barbour asked and obtained leave to bring in the following resolution, which was read and passed to the second reading.

Resolution for an amendment to the constitution of the United States, in relation to internal improvements.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both houses concurring,* That the following amendment to the constitution of the United States, be proposed to the Legislatures of the several states, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the states, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said constitution: Congress shall have power to pass laws appropriating money for constructing roads and canals, and improving the navigation of water courses. *Provided, however,* that no road or canal, shall be constructed in any state, nor the navigation of its waters improved, without the consent of such state. *And provided, also,* that whenever Congress shall appropriate money to these objects, the amount thereof, shall be distributed among the several states, in the ratio of representation, which each state shall have, in the most numerous branch of the national legislature—But the portion of any state, with its own consent, may be applied to the purposes aforesaid, in any other state.